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North Slope Investment Challenges

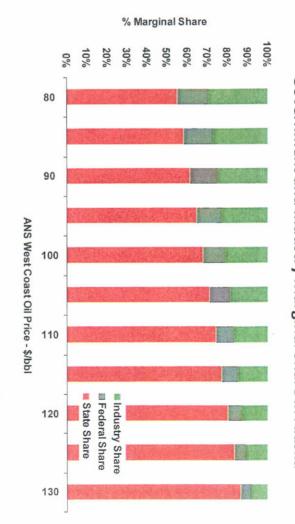
Challenged oil remains

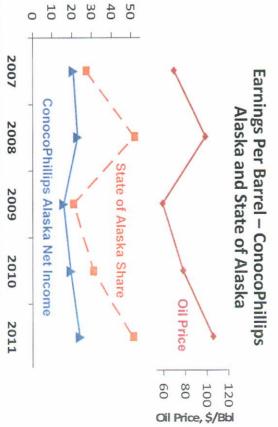
- Complex, high cost wells
- Smaller reserve targets
- Fault blocks, flank oil
- Satellites, viscous oil
- Facilities handling ~ three times as much water as oil
- Significant resource

ACES tax structure

- High average & marginal tax rates
- Progressivity eliminates upside
- Tax credits attempt to offset high tax rates and high costs. Apply to both new and legacy fields

Government and Industry Marginal Share in Alaska



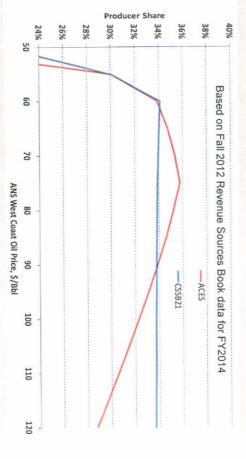


Share, \$/BOE

Changes to ACES to Improve Alaska's Investment Climate

Eliminate progressivity Change CSSB21

- Create a flatter tax rate over a broad range of prices
- Producer and State share proportionately as prices fluctuate and margins change



- Establish a tax structure creating an attractive investment climate
- Competitive tax rate
- Provide the incentives to balance Alaska's high cost environment
- Incentives for both legacy and new field investments

- Base rate too high
- > Tax increase at lower prices
- Overall tax rate high
- GRE appears to have minimal applicability to legacy fields